Statement-II

Various regulations/laws inforced in the States of Assam & Bihar.

S. No.	Name of the State	Legislation inforced
1.	Assam	(a) Assam Land Regulations 1886 as amended in 1981.
		(b) Assam Rural Indebted Relief Act, 1975.
2.	Bihar	(a) Chottanagpur Tenancy Act, 1908.
		(b) Santhal Pargana Tenancy (Supplementary provisions) Act, 1949.
		(c) Bihar Sch. Areas Regulation, 1969.
		(d) Bihar Debt Relief Act, 1976.
3.	Common for all States	(a) The Sch. Castes and the Sch. Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
		(d) Bonded Labour System Abolition Act, 1976.

नए राशन कार्ड जारी करने पर रोक

*69. **श्री सुनील कुमार पटनायक :** क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली के पूर्वी क्षेत्र के सभी सर्किलों में 10 मार्च, 1990 तक आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त करने और नए राशन कार्डों के पंजीकरण पर रोक लगा दी गई थी ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण थे और क्या सरकार ने इस रोक को समाप्त करके उक्त सुविधा फिर से उपलब्ध करा दी है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री नाथू राम मिर्धा) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Railway accidents during 1989

*70. **SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of railway accidents which took place in all the Zonal Railways during 1989 ;

(b) the number of both goods and passenger trains involved in those accidents;

(c) what were (i) the losses of life, (ii) losses of cattle and losses of goods with the estimated value thereof in those accidents ;

(d) what was the compensation paid to the victims and other affected persons; and

(e) the number of running hours lost as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) There were 556 train accident involving 178 passenger trains and 407 goods trains on Indian Railways during 1989.

(c) 170 passenger and 42 heads of cattle lost their lives in these accidents. The cost of damage to railway property was Rs. 21.18 crores approximately.

(d) Rs. 1 lakh has been paid in one case of death and in 12 other cases, compensation award has been given. In another 103 cases, claims for death are pendings settlement by the Railway Claims Tribunal, which is a judicial body. Apart from compensation, an *ex-gratia* amount of Rs. 9.85 lakhs has been paid to the next of kin of the dead passengers.

(e) Approximately 5,577 running hours were lost in these accidents.

Establishment of a Railway Divisional Office at Sambalpur

*71. **SHRI JAGADISH JANI :**
SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for the slow progress in the establishment of a

Railway Divisional Office at Sambalpur in Orissa ;

(b) the funds allocated for this Division so far ;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to establish the said Railway Division during the financial year 1990-91; and

(b) by when the new Divisional Office is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) There was some delay in acquiring the requisite land. Thereafter, the work has been progressing satisfactorily, in phases, commensurate with the availability of funds.

(b) Upto 31-3-1990 an allotment of Rs. 158.65 lakhs has been made against rhe estimated cost of Rs. 1057.21 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Requisite basic infrastructure has been created and the Divisional Office with essential facilities is likely to start functioning by end of April, 1990.

Recognition of synonymous names of Scheduled Tribes in Karnataka

*72. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently received any request for recognising the synonymous names of the Scheduled Tribes in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal received from the Government of Karntataka is being considered along with similar other proposals, recommendations, suggestions etc. in the context of the proposed comprehensive revision of the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes while keeping in view the critieria followed in the matter. Further, amendment in the existing lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can be done only through an Act of Parliament in view of provision made under Articles 341(2) and 342(2) of the Constitution.

Implementation of Bachhawat Wage Board recommendations by newspaper establishments

*73. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have collected information about the number of news paper establishments in the country which have implemented the Bachhawat wage Board recommendations for journalists and non-Journalists, and if so, the details thereof ;

(b) what action Government are taking to make the defaulting newspapers implement the recommendations ;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued to the State Governments and any feedback has been received in this respect; and

(d) what steps have been taken for monitoring the same?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) The State Governments are the appropriate Authority for the enforcement of the recommendations made by the Wage Boards for Journalists and Non Journalists. Following the issue of the notification relating to the recommendations, State Government have been urged to set up suitable monitoring mechanism